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KIRKBYMOORSIDE.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1955.

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K I R K B Y M O O R S I D E

To the Chairman and Members
of the Kirkbymoorside Rural
District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the Kirkbymoorside Rural District for the year 1955.

W. R. M. COUPER.

Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health	:	W.R.M. Couper, M.B. Ch.B. D.P.H.
Senior Sanitary Inspector	:	F.W. Stoney, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A.
Additional Sanitary Inspector	:	G. Stephenson, A.R.S.H. M.S.I.A.

SECTION 'A'

STATISTICS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

TABLE I

District	Estimated Mid-Year Population	Area in Acres	No. of Inhabited Houses	Rateable Value	Product of Penny Rate
				£	£. s. d.
Helmsley Rural	5,400	67,750	1,422	23,176	90. 11. 3
Kirbymoorside Rural	4,850	51,000	1,507	18,869	71. 12. 8
Malton Rural	5,580	47,078	1,823	20,342	80. 0. 0
Malton Urban	4,130	4,016	1,315	31,182	123. 15. 7
Pickering Rural	5,120	76,685	1,747	19,406	74. 10. 5
Pickering Urban	4,170	15,652	1,422	22,852	90. 0. 0
All Districts	29,250	262,181	9,236	135,827	530. 9. 11

VITAL STATISTICS

TABLE II - LIVE BIRTHS MALE AND FEMALE

District	Live Births		
	Male	Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	30	30	60
Kirbymoorside Rural	29	27	56
Malton Rural	28	35	63
Malton Urban	29	32	61
Pickering Rural	35	32	67
Pickering Urban	36	29	65
All Districts	187	185	372

TABLE III - STILL BIRTHS MALE AND FEMALE

District	Still Births		
	Male	Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	-	1	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	2	-	2
Malton Rural	-	-	-
Malton Urban	1	-	1
Pickering Rural	1	-	1
Pickering Urban	1	-	1
All Districts	5	1	6

TABLE IV - ALL BIRTHS LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE, MALE AND FEMALE

District	Legitimate			Illegitimate			Total
	Male	Female	Male and Female	Male	Female	Male and Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	30	30	60	-	1	1	61
Kirbymoorside Rural	31	26	57	-	1	1	58
Malton Rural	27	32	59	1	3	4	63
Malton Urban	29	32	61	1	-	1	62
Pickering Rural	32	30	62	4	2	6	68
Pickering Urban	36	25	61	1	4	5	66
All Districts	185	175	360	7	11	18	378

TABLE V

Crude Live Birth Rate (i.e. live births per 1,000 estimated population), and Still Birth Rate (i.e. still births per 1,000 total live and still births), and Illegitimate Rate (i.e. percentage of illegitimate births of total births).

District	Crude Live Birth Rate	Still Birth Rate	Illegitimate Rate
Helmsley Rural	11.1	16.4	1.6%
Kirbymoorside Rural	11.5	34.5	1.7%
Malton Rural	11.3	Nil	6.3%
Malton Urban	14.8	16.1	1.6%
Pickering Rural	13.1	14.7	8.8%
Pickering Urban	15.6	15.2	7.6%
All Districts	12.7	15.9	4.7%

TABLE VI

Deaths of infants under 1 year and under 1 month by sexes.

District	Number of Deaths						All infant Deaths
	Under 1 Year			Under 1 Month			
	Male	Female	Male and Female	Male	Female	Male and Female	Male and Female
Helmsley Rural	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
Malton Urban	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
Pickering Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	1	3	4	1	3	4	4

TABLE VII

Maternal Deaths i.e. deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth and abortion, and Maternal Mortality Rate i.e. Number of deaths per 1,000 live and still births.

District	Number of Deaths	Maternal Mortality Rate
Helmsley Rural	-	Nil
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	Nil
Malton Rural	2	31.6
Malton Urban	-	Nil
Pickering Rural	-	Nil
Pickering Urban	1	15.2
All Districts	3	7.9

TABLE VIII - CAUSES OF DEATH BY DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955

Cause of Death	Helmsley Rural			Kirbymoorside Rural			Malton Rural			Malton Urban			Pickering Rural			Pickering Urban			TOTAL All Districts		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	3	1	4
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	3	1	-	1	-	1	1	3	1	4	8	2	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	1	5	2	2	4	2	3	5	1	5	6	4	2	6	3	1	4	16	14	30
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Diabetes	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	6	4	10	6	10	16	6	5	11	4	3	7	3	5	8	2	11	13	27	38	65
Coronary disease, angina	5	3	8	2	3	5	8	1	9	1	5	6	6	8	14	8	6	14	30	26	56
Hypertension with heart disease	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	1	4
Other heart disease	5	5	10	3	12	15	6	7	13	6	7	13	4	4	8	1	6	7	25	41	66
Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	2	3	5	1	-	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	2	6	8	14
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2
Pneumonia	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	2	3	5
Bronchitis	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	1	1	6	2	8
Other diseases or respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	3
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2
Other diseases	2	1	3	1	-	1	3	3	6	1	5	6	3	-	3	1	-	1	11	9	20
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	3
All other accidents	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	3	-	-	-	2	4	6
Suicide	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	3	1	-	1	6	1	7
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Causes	28	17	45	20	32	52	37	25	62	22	31	53	31	26	57	29	33	62	167	164	331

TABLE IX

Infant Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births), Neonatal Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 month per 1,000 live births), Maternal Mortality (i.e. number of ma deaths per 1,000 total births) and Crude Death Rate (i.e. number of deaths per 1,000 of estimated population.

District	Rates			
	Infant Mortality	Neonatal Mortality	Maternal Mortality	Death Rate
Helmsley Rural	16.7	16.7	Nil	8.3
Kirbymoorside Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	10.7
Malton Rural	31.7	31.7	31.6	11.1
Malton Urban	16.4	16.4	Nil	12.8
Pickering Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	11.1
Pickering Urban	Nil	Nil	15.2	14.9
All Districts	10.8	10.8	7.9	11.3

TABLE X - COMPARISON OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The Crude Birth and Death Rates of any district are not directly comparable with those of any other district or those of England and Wales. To make approximate allowance for the way in which sex and age distribution differs from that of England and Wales as a whole the crude rates are multiplied by a comparability factor. The resultant figures can then be compared with those of any other district and England and Wales.

District	Death Rate			Birth Rate		
	Crude Death Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Compar-ability Factor	Ad B R
Helmsley Rural	8.3	1.01	8.4	11.1	1.35	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	10.7	0.83	8.9	11.5	1.15	1
Malton Rural	11.1	0.89	9.9	11.3	1.15	1
Malton Urban	12.8	0.90	11.5	14.8	1.10	1
Pickering Rural	11.1	0.77	8.5	13.1	1.21	1
Pickering Urban	14.9	0.85	12.7	15.6	1.15	1
All Districts	11.3		9.9	12.7		1
England and Wales	11.7		11.7	15.0		1

TABLE XI - PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF DEATHS

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths by Districts						
	Helmsley Rural	Kirbymoorside Rural	Malton Rural	Malton Urban	Pickering Rural	Pickering Urban	All Districts
Diseases of circulatory system	30	41	34	29	33	38	205
Diseases of respiratory system (ex. T.B.)	1	2	2	1	6	5	17
Diseases of digestive system (ex. cancer)	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1	2
Malignant Diseases	7	4	10	10	8	10	49
Tuberculosis	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents	Nil	Nil	1	1	Nil	1	3
Other accidents	1	Nil	1	1	3	Nil	6
All other diseases	6	4	14	9	7	5	45
All diseases	45	52	62	53	57	62	331

TABLE XII - PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF DEATH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS

Cause of Death	Porcentage of total Deaths by Districts						
	Helmsley Rural	Kirbymoorside Rural	Malton Rural	Malton Urban	Pickering Rural	Pickering Urban	All Districts
Diseases of circulatory system	66.7%	78.8%	54.8%	54.7%	57.9%	61.3%	62.1%
Diseases of respiratory system	2.2%	3.8%	3.2%	1.9%	10.5%	8.0%	5.1%
Diseases of digestive system	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.9%	Nil	1.6%	0.6%
Malignant Diseases	15.6%	7.7%	16.1%	19.0%	14.0%	16.1%	14.8%
Tuberculosis	Nil	1.9%	Nil	1.9%	Nil	3.2%	1.2%
Motor vehicle accidents	Nil	Nil	1.6%	1.9%	Nil	1.6%	0.9%
All other accidents	2.2%	Nil	1.6%	1.9%	5.3%	Nil	1.8%
Other diseases	13.3%	7.7%	22.6%	17.0%	12.5%	9.0%	13.6%

SECTION 'B'

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TABLE I - NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1955

District	Cases Notified									
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Primary Pneumonia	Poliomyelitis	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Typhoid Fever	Encephalitis
Helmsley Rural	1	-	86	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	18	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	-	3	25	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malton Urban	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	-	10	37	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Pickering Urban	-	9	13	-	1	-	-	-	25	-
All Districts	1	40	306	2	2	1	1	1	26	1

Where necessary patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough, and Yearsley Bridge Hospital, York.

TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE II - NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1955

District	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Helmsley Rural	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malton Rural	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pickering Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
All Districts	1	3	-	1	3	1	-	-

SECTION 'C'

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(i) Laboratory Facilities

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton. A van calls once a week to collect specimens.

(ii) Local Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946

The day-to-day administration of the following services is carried out by the Ryedale Local Health Sub-Committee in the urban districts of Malton and Pickering, and the rural districts of Helmsley, Kirbymoorside, Malton and Pickering.

(a) Care of mothers and young children

Child welfare and ante-natal clinics are held at centres in the Ryedale area.

In places where no clinic is held ante-natal and child welfare services are carried out by health visitors in the home.

(b) Midwifery, Health Visiting and Home Nursing

Combined duty nurses serving 16 districts are resident in the area.

(c) Ambulance Service

Ambulance stations at Malton and Kirbymoorside provide this service.

(d) Immunisation and Vaccination

Provision is made for primary vaccination against diphtheria at child welfare centres but the greater part of this service is carried out by general practitioners in their surgeries and in the home.

(e) Domestic Help Service

This service provides domestic help, at a charge dependent on the income of the household, in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the mother, and to the aged and infirm.

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SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Senior Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor and Water Engineer :
F. W. STONEY, M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor & Water Engineer:
G. STEPHENSON, A.R.S.H., M.S.I.A.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR

For the year ending : 31st December, 1955.

Staff for Refuse Collection, Water Supply and Sewage works, etc:

W. H. Stocks, (Foreman)
R. Wilson
F. Maw
J. Sheffield

Part-time Water Bailiffs :

W. H. Richardson (Appleton-le-Moors)
F. Farrow, (Hutton-le-Hole)

To the Chairman & Members of the Kirkbymoorside Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Stuart & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work of the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor's Department of your Council for the year ending 31st December 1955.

The total number of visits of inspection made throughout the year for all purposes was 2,279, and is summarised as follows :-

General Sanitation

Drainage	145
Complaints investigated	52
Public Conveniences	35
Factories	29
Bakehouses	5
Rodent Control	(Details later)
Schools	9

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection	79
Refuse Disposal	64
Miscellaneous	47

Water Supplies

Kirkbymoorside	189
Gillamoor & Fadmoor	82
Hutton-le-Hole	56
Farndale, East & West	38
Bransdale	41
Appleton-le-Moors, Lastingham & Spaunton	52
Great Edstone, Keldholme & Kirby Mills	49
Nunnington, Ness & Muscoates	41
Salton	12
Welburn, Wombleton & Nawton	56

Sewage Works

Kirkbymoorside	49
Harome, Beadlam & Nawton Joint Scheme	35

Housing

No. of houses inspected under Public Health & Housing Acts	138
No. of visits necessary to above Houses	146
No. of visits to Council Houses	136

Infectious Diseases

Visits re Disinfection	5

Meat & Food Inspection

Visits to Slaughterhouses	442
Visits to Butchers' Shops	119
Visits to food premises	29
Visits to Ice-cream premises	12

Meat & Food Inspection Cont.

Visits to Food Stalls	7
Visits to Fried Fish Shops	11

Building Byelaws

Number of visits re building work in progress	67

Petroleum Spirit Regulations

Visits to establishments re storage	2

HOUSING

(i) The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation ... NIL

(ii) The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 16

(iii) The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders ... .. NIL

(iv) The number of notices served requiring the execution of works ... ... NIL

(v) The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ... ... NIL

(vi) The number of demolition or closing orders made . NIL

(vii) The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under sub-section (2) of Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930 ... ... NIL

(viii) The number of houses demolished ... ... 3 (Voluntarily)

Rural Housing Survey

Every effort has been made to continue this survey but, although a number of houses were inspected in the first half of the year, pressure of other work has limited the number inspected in the latter half of the year. During the year 127 houses were inspected, bringing the total now inspected to 154. As reported to the Council in August, indications are that there will be approximately 135 totally unfit houses in the district.

Three totally unfit houses were demolished during the year by the owners but as the houses were empty no persons were displaced.

Housing Act 1949. Improvement Grants

The system whereby all applications for grants are considered by a sub-committee which then report to the Housing Committee has continued throughout the year. Seventeen applications were received during the year, of which five were for conversions and the remaining twelve were for improvements. Of these fifteen were awarded grants totalling £4,494, one was refused and there was one awaiting consideration.

An application which had been refused in 1954 was given further consideration by the Council and a grant of £200 was awarded.

Council House Programme

During the year twelve houses were completed by the Council of which there were four 2-bedroomed type stone built houses at Nunnington and four 3-bedroomed and four 2-bedroomed type brick houses at Station Road, Nawton, There were four 3-bedroomed type and two 2-bedroomed type brick houses under construction at Queensway and four 3-bedroomed and four 2-bedroomed type brick houses under construction at Ryedale Crescent.

Only one dwelling was erected privately during the year but eight were under construction by private individuals and there were two Police Houses in course of erection.

The following table shows the position of the Council's housing sites at the end of 1955.

Site.	Completed	Constructing	Existing	TOTAL
KIRKBYMOORSIDE				
Ryedale View			22	22
Ryedale Crescent		8	16	24
Swedish			4	4
Queensway		6	16	22
Vivers Camp			2	2
NAWTON				
Station Road	8		13	21
WOMBLETON				
East Terrace			8	8
Aerodrome			11	11
GILLAMOOR				
			5	5
SPAUNTON			2	2
APPLETON-LE-MOORS			2	2
GREAT EDSTONE			4	4
NUNNINGTON	4			4
	12	14	105	131

Of these 13 are temporary dwellings.

The Council was receiving rent from 113 dwellings at the end of 1955.

During the year the Council carried out the laying of concrete paths along the rear of most of the twenty-two houses on the Ryedale View Estate. All these houses now have satisfactory paths to their rear doors and also paths along the rear of the houses to the outbuildings.

All works and repairs to the Council-owned property in this area are carried out by the local tradesmen and a total of £480 was spent during the year on housing repairs and renovation. This total includes £120 for relaying concrete footpaths at the rear of the Ryedale View houses.

Only two Nissen Huts remain occupied on the Vivers Camp site and two on Wombleton Aerodrome. A scheme was approved during the year to provide more suitable accommodation for the two families on the Vivers Camp site and it is hoped that some suitable accommodation will be found for the remaining families on the Wombleton Aerodrome site.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

(a) Milk Supply

Four samples of milk were taken from retail suppliers in the district and submitted for bacteriological examination. All the results were satisfactory.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

The inspection of meat intended for human consumption has continued at the six privately owned slaughterhouses within the District.

During the year a total of 464 beasts, 666 sheep, 227 pigs and 3 calves were inspected, of which the following were found to be unfit for human consumption :-

	Beasts	Sheep	Pigs	Calves
Whole Carcases	-	8	1	-
Heads	4	-	2	-
Lungs	3	1	2	-
Livers	9	2	-	-
Part Livers	10	-	-	-
Other parts	-	1 shoulder. 1 leg.	1 leg.	-

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	452	12	3	666	227
Number inspected	452	12	3	666	227
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
(a) Whole carcases condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	8	1
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	21	NIL	NIL	4	1
(c) Percentage of the no. inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	4.6%	-	-	1.8%	1.8%
Tuberculosis only					
(a) Whole carcases condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	2
(c) Percentage of the no. inspected affected with T.B.	0.9%	-	-	-	1.8%

The standard of cleanliness at the Slaughterhouses has improved during the year and all are now satsifactorily maintained.

The use of muslin covers and the storage of as much meat as possible in Refrigerators was encouraged during the hot summer months in order to keep flies off the meat. This is a big problem where limited cold storage facilities are available but it was pleasing to note that the Butchers gave the problem much attention.

A 6 lb. tin of corned beef was condemned as being unfit for human consumption and was disposed of by being buried in the Council's tip.

SHOPS, STALLS & VEHICLES

The Council have now adopted food handling byelaws and it is anticipated that, with the aid of these and the Food Hygiene Regulations which are to come into force in 1956, improvements in the standard of handling food stuffs will be achieved.

FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

There are three shops in the area carrying on the trade of fish frying and four Butchers make sausages, pies or potted meat. Conditions were generally found to be good.

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT)

There is only one producer of Ice-cream in the district and clean conditions have been found each time a visit was made. Two samples were taken during the summer and both proved satisfactory upon analysis.

All other premises registered for the sale of Ice-cream deal in pre-packed varieties.

FOOD POISONING

No outbreaks of Food Poisoning have occurred in the area during the year. During the year the Council adopted byelaws for securing Sanitary and cleanly conditions in connection with the handling and wrapping and delivery of food.

SHELL FISH REGULATIONS

No action has been taken during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are three bakehouses in the district and clean conditions are maintained.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no designated offensive trades in the area.

FACTORIES ACTS. 1937 and 1948

There are 28 factories in the district which come within the meaning of Section 8 of the Factories Act, 1937. Most of the factories were inspected during the year,

WATER SUPPLIES

At the end of 1955, the position of the water supplies in the Kirkbymoorside Rural District was as shown in the table below :

Parish Supplied	Owner	Nature of Supply	
Kirkbymoorside	Kirkbymoorside R.D.C.	Moorland	Springs
Gillamoor	"	"	"
Fadmoor	"	"	"
Great Edstone	"	"	"
Hutton-le-Hole	"	"	"
Welburn	Part private and part Ryedale Joint W. Bd.	Springs	
Appleton-le-Moors	Kirkbymoorside R.D.C.	Moorland	Springs
Lastingham	"	"	"
Spaunton	"	"	"
Nawton, Skiplam, Wombleton	Kirkbymoorside R.D.C. & Helmsley, Joint.	Springs	
Ness, Muscoates, Salton, Nunnington	Supplied from Ryedale Joint Water Board.	Springs	
Farndale East	Kirkbymoorside R.D.C.	Moorland	Springs
Farndale West (Low Mills)	"	"	"
Bransdale	Private individ. supplies	"	"

The long spell of dry weather during the summer and autumn drastically reduced the output of all springs in the district and in order to maintain supplies to Kirkbymoorside, Great Edstone, Keldholme and Kirby Mills it was necessary to purchase some 4,946,000 gallons of water from the Ryedale Joint Water Board by way of their reservoir at Low Park Farm.

Ample supplies were maintained at Gillamoor and Fadmoor from the Bransdale springs, at Hutton-le-Hole from the Farndale West Springs and at Farndale East from the springs at that side of the dale.

The supply to Low Mills was maintained but Keysbeck and Kneysbeck farms had only sporadic supplies towards the end of the drought.

Supplies to Appleton-le-Moors, Spaunton & Lastingham were sufficient but it was necessary at times to use the Red Spring.

The drought caused much extra work for my department especially in relation to the farms and cottages at Rudland and to the Appleton-le-Moors Joint Supply. It was essential that all bursts should be found and repaired as soon as possible.

The drought so reduced supplies from Bransdale and Farndale West that at one time only 29,000 gallons per day were entering Cockpit Reservoir. It is obvious, therefore, that the supply from the Ryedale Joint Water Board was greatly appreciated and obviated the need to pump water of unknown bacterial content from streams.

During the year 131 samples were taken for bacterial analysis and of these 107 were completely free from contamination. 10 showed slight contamination and 14 showed fairly substantial contamination.

Nine of the latter were found to follow heavy rain and in order to combat this it is now the practice to set in motion the chlorinators as soon as heavy rain has fallen. The remaining 5 were from private supplies which have now been improved or are to apply for connections to the Council's mains.

Steady progress was maintained in the erection of indicator posts and plates where none existed previously. The erection of these posts proved worthwhile during the early part of the year when the valves, although hidden by snow, had to be closed to repair many bursts or defective stop taps.

The repairs to water mains, services, fittings etc. are carried out by local tradesmen but I would again point out the desirability of employing a water bailiff to carry out this work. It is becoming more difficult to carry out the servicing of the water mains and fittings with the staff available whereas it is essential that adequate supervision be given to all aspects of the work so that a satisfactory supply is maintained with a longer working life of the Water works.

During the year, meters were fitted on the mains at Muscoates, Ness and Moor Lane and where possible all connections at Ness were transferred from the Ryedale Joint Water Board's 6" main to the Council's 3" main. Other connections still on the 6" main are metered individually.

EXTENSIONS TO WATER MAINS

The only mains extensions carried out during the year were at Station Road, Nawton, and Ryedale Crescent, Kirkbymoorside.

Small bore pipes were laid at these sites to afford supplies to new Council Houses.

BYELAWS

During the Year the Council adopted byelaws for preventing waste, undue consumption, misuse or contamination of water.

ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the water supplies owned by this Council together with those jointly owned by the Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley Rural District Councils is the responsibility of my Department. This scheme which was reorganised some time ago and is augmented by the Ryedale Joint Water Board has given satisfaction throughout the year. Considerable difficulties have been experienced in preventing waste in the Ex-R.A.F. Station, Wombleton due to the services being of black iron.

During the period under review 97 visits were made to the Joint Schemes.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewage works at Kirby Mills were regularly maintained during 1955 but the Council's attention must again be drawn to the most unsatisfactory condition of these works which cannot cope with the present-day flow.

JOINT SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME

The sewage disposal plant at Wombleton which serves the parishes of Nawton, Beadlam and Harome is administered by the Department under a joint Committee of the Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley Rural District Councils.

During the year regular maintenance was carried out to the works and it is expected that the scheme will be completed during the coming year by the sewering of Wombleton and the erection of an ejector station. Once this has been completed it would only be necessary to re-connect all existing drains from the old sewers to the new ones.

DRAINAGE

All new drainage works are inspected by this Department and tested hydraulically; and advice is given on drainage layouts. Maintenance work is carried out constantly to Council-owned septic tanks and to open sewage ditches. In addition, cleaning of choked drains and sewers has been carried out when necessary.

Under guidance from this Department several houses outside the area of the few disposal schemes have provided individual systems to serve their needs.

Every effort is made to give assistance in the emptying of septic tanks but owing to the lack of equipment and the necessity of keeping one man almost constantly on water supplies a lot of this type of work could not be carried out.

The problem of sewage disposal will continue to take up a good deal of the Department's time until all the villages are sewered.

During the year twelve conservancy type closets were converted to W.C.'s and fourteen W.C.'s were constructed in new houses.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection and disposal of house refuse is undertaken in all parishes of the Rural District with the exception of remote farms. A 4-ton Bedford Refuse Collection Vehicle with a 10 cu. yd. capacity is employed for this purpose.

It was possible, during the year, to further improve the service and the position now is that there is a weekly collection at Kirkbymoorside, Wombleton, Nawton and Welburn with a fortnightly collection in other villages. The refuse from Farndale is collected monthly.

All refuse is disposed of by partially-controlled tipping at two tips : one is at Gillamoor Road, Kirkby-moorside, and the other at Nawton. During the year the Quarry at Kirkdale Howl was approved as the site for a new tip in place of the one at Gillamoor Road, Kirkbymoorside, which is rapidly becoming full.

Permissionwas also given by the owner to use a site at Catter Bridge Farm as a tip on a temporary basis.

The costs of Public Cleansing during the year was £709.

PRIVATE RECHARGEABLE WORK

Rechargeable work to the value of £15 was carried out by this Department during 1955. This total is again only small due to the fact that a workman could rarely be spared to do this work.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Public Conveniences in Kirkbymoorside operated satisfactorily throughout the year and continue to be a great advantage to the Town. The total receipts during the year were £19: 11: 0.

The temporary conveniences were again erected in Farndale but difficulty was met with in finding a site at Church Houses. A site was eventually loaned but this problem continues to be difficult as no other accommodation is available for the large number of visitors who frequent the dale at Daffodil time.

SHOPS

No statutory action has been necessary

SMOKE ABATEMENT

No action has been found necessary.

SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS

There are no public baths or pools in the area.

RODENT CONTROL

The Joint Scheme of employing one Operative in conjunction with Helmsley Rural District Council continues to be successful and the obligations placed on the Council by the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, have been carried out efficiently.

All reported infestations have been efficiently dealt with by the Rodent Operative, using Warfarin, and he is continually on the look-out for infestations which are not being treated by the occupier ofthe premises.

During the year all the manholes to the sewers in Kirkbymoorside, Nawton and Wombleton parishes were baited. 107 manholes in all were baited, and all registered "no takes".

In view of this result the Technical Rodent Officer of the Ministry recommended that no further baiting need be carried out until 1956. It can safely be said that these sewerage systems are free from rats.

During the year 973 properties were surveyed and 95 treatments carried out.
For work carried out on private premises a sum of approximately £92: 1: 11 is recoverable.

BUILDING PLANS

The Council adopted new Building Byelaws during 1955 and these are now in force.

Plans of Building work in the district were approved as follows :

Kirkbymoorside	11
Hutton-le-Hole	3
Gillamoor	1
Lastingham	2
Nawton	2
Appleton-le-Moors	8
Fadmoor	2
Ness	2
Nunnington	2
Spaunton	1
Great Edstone	1
Keldholme	3
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SCHOOLS

The schools in the district have been visited from time to time and on the whole no cause for complaint has arisen. Minor matters have been successfully dealt with.

In Conclusion

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Stuart & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

F.W. STONEY.

Chief Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor
and Water Engineer.